C. L. Boynton
July 7, 1885

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E. L. Boynton
Oct. 1 - 1885

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Do you know anything of Maynard's small repeating gun or pistol, which he advertises?

I have a friend in Mass. who wishes very much to see your report on the birds here. If you have more copies to spare, would like very much to get one for him.

Will write you when I send that box

Yours very truly
C. L. Boynton

I notice that you misunderstand my name. it is C.L. instead E.L. Of no particular consequence only letters might get mixed with some one else's.

C. L. Boynton
Jan. 30-1886

Highlands N.C.
Jan. 30 86

Mr Fowler
Dear Sir—

Yours of the 27th received, also the paper containing your observations. Many thanks for the paper, and from what little I have read of it I know that it will be very interesting.

I assure you that it has been no lack of willingness on my part that I have not sent you the Grouse and other birds you wanted; but on account of my inability to procure them. I shall make a desperate effort however next week to get them for you, and if possible shall send a box the middle or last

of the week. I can easily get the Snowbirds: but the others are not so easily procured.

The Grouse have been hunted untill they are not very plenty near here, but perhaps I can get a few specimens. I have not seen a single Crossbill this winter and have heard of only one being seen near here.

You spoke of wanting Grosbeaks in your letters before the last one. I know only one species here (the Rosebreasted) and they are only Summer residents.

I did not expect any return for the eggs I sent you. I am glad if they have been of any use to you and you are entirely welcome to them. Dec. 20th. a man brought me a Barred Owl which he had killed with a stick. It was very poor and had absolutely nothing in its stomach. I dont understand how it could be in such a condition for there are plenty of small birds mice etc which it could live on here throughout the winter.

The late cold weather has been very severe on the birds here. I have heard of many Larks, quail etc found frozen to death.

There have been a few specimens of the Carolina Wren here all winter untill the cold weather came about three weeks ago, but have seen none since.

I have got nothing suitable for shooting dust shot - have been making inquiries of several gun dealers but have not settled on anything yet.

What would you recommend? I think you spoke of using some kind of a pistol. What is it and price?

C. L. Boynton
Feb. 8 - 1886

for the skins -
I have written date on each cone containg birds -
Very Truly
C. L. Boynton

Did not see a single Crossbill either day that I was collecting -

Highlands - Feb 8 '86

Mr. Brewster
Dear Sir -
As we have no regular stage line from here to de sot - I have been obliged to wait untill now for a chance to send you that box of birds I promised - I have not been able to get all that you wanted but have done the best I could in the time - I have been out two days and should try another day but dared not keep some of the birds longer -
Some of the birds are badly shot up (in consequence of having to shoot them with large gun at short range) but I put them

all in, thinking they ~~might~~ may do for companions, if for nothing else. The only specimen of the Ruffed Grouse that I have been able to obtain was shot several days ago and fearing it would not keep, I have skinned it the best I could — I think if I can get some one to go with me with a dog we can get some Grouse — If I can get any, I will send you another box later on, and try and get more snowbirds —

I have put in a few skins that I had on hand — The Rusty Grackle is a specimen that has been seen with a flock of Larks around the village all winter —

It is the only one that I have ever seen here — Is the Tinglet I send the Golden or ruby crowned?

It is the first one I ever saw to know it. I suppose it to be the Golden Crowned but thought best to ask you to as to make sure of it.

I would also like to know if the Sparrow sent is the Tree Sparrow? Quite a number of them spend the winter with us — but I dont think I have ever seen them in the summer —

The specimen of Red-bellied Woodpecker is the only one I ever saw. I can find but little about it in any book that I have — Is it a Southern species? Would it be likely to breed here, do you think? —

Your suggestion in regard to paying for the birds sent is perfectly satisfactory to me.

As just or whatever you consider them worth and I shall be satisfied —

Of course I dont expect anything —

C. W. Boynton
Feb. 9. 1886

Highlands N.C. 2/9/86

Mr. Brewster.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 5th just received.

Since writing you I have bought a single-barrel, breech loading Remington shot gun Sixteen gauge. of our hardware dealer here - Perhaps this will answer for what I need.

If you have the pistol ordered and think it would be an advantage to have it - why send it anyway. It seems to me that in some cases, where you happen on to a small bird very close - that it would be impossible to shoot it with a gun without

spoiling it when if you had a pistol, such as you speak of, it might be collected in good shape.

Of course I should be satisfied with the pistol in return for the birds; but I have got so few that I am afraid it wouldn't be a fair bargain at all.

If you succeed in getting pistol would like to have you send some primed shells with it and whatever the cost may be of shells and pistol over what the birds are worth to you, I will gladly pay.

Have learned since sending box, that the man I sent by expected to be two days on the road instead of one as I supposed.

In consequence of this I am afraid the birds may be spoiled before reaching you, but hope that they may be all right.

I dont know as you will care anything about the Hawk I sent but as there was plenty of room in box I thought I would put it in anyway.

Truly Yours
E. L. Boynton

C. L. Boynton
Feb. 23. 1886

Highlands N.C. 2, 23, 86

Mr. Brewster.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th just received.

Many thanks for the money order enclosed, the amount of which is perfectly satisfactory. I am very sorry that the birds reached you in such bad shape and hope if send another box that they will arrive in good condition.

I cannot say just when, but as soon as possible, I will try and get you what you want.

I can potably get a Wild Turkey some time this Spring, as quite a good many are usually

so - in "gobbing" time, but dont know as I could get one at any specified time so as to send it with a box of other birds -

I have a skin of some kind of a thrush which I shot a few days ago that I will mail you for identification. I thought at first that it was a "Hermit" but it seems to small for that.

There has been quite a number of Fox colored Sparrows here lately, will try and get a few specimens for the next box if can - I have not noticed them untill about a week ago I wonder if they can be migrating so early in the season -

I have heard Miss Kibbe speak of receiving the copy of your paper which you sent - Mr. Ravenel's initials are

S.P. - I think.

Is there any particular difference in the hooting of the Barred and the Great Horned Owls - ? I hear owls hooting nearly every night but dont know which kind they are.

I suppose they must be breeding here now, but although I have searched several localities where I have heard them hoot - I have as yet failed to find a nest -

Will write again as soon as I get another box ready to send.

Yours
C. L. Boyd

C. L. Boynton

March 2-1886

[illegible] Mar. 2 [illegible]

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I have just finished [illegible] a box of birds, which I will send to the depot in the morning. I have not succeeded in getting the Grouse, that is I have got but one, and some of the others that you wanted; but I have done the best I could.

I have got quite a variety this time and some very good specimens and I hope they may reach you in good shape.

Those taken to day (Mar. 2) nearly all, came from about four miles out of Hi[illegible], all others in and near H. I believe I have identified them all but the Hawk. Please tell me what it is.

The [illegible] Sparrows are the first I ever saw. They are beautiful birds and the handsomest sparrows I know of. I have got [illegible] three different men to promise to get me a Turkey, so think perhaps I shall get one. One man says he knows where there is an old gobbler that would weigh in the neighborhood of 30 lbs. but is very shy. He thinks he can get him as soon as they commence to gobble, about the 15th of this month. I neglected to mail the Thrush I spoke of in my last letter and forgot about it to night untill my box was packed, but have raised the lid and pushed it in on top of the packing. Please tell me what it is.

Perhaps I can get some more Grouse before I get the Turkey and can send the skins at least with that.

If it would not be too much trouble for you, I would like to have you get me 2 pairs of spring forceps I believe they call them, or tweezers about five or six in. in length; think would be right.

Please deduct cost of same and mailing from price of birds.

Very truly yours

C. L. Boynton

C. L. Boynton
Mch. 31 - 1886

Highlands Ky. 3/31/86.

Mr. Brewster.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. at hand. Thanks for the money order enclosed.

I received the forceps several days ago and am much pleased with them. Many thanks for your kindness in getting them for me.

Will try and get the turkey for you as soon as I can.

The earlier Spring birds are now with us. One of the Vireos, (the Solitary) think I has been here for nearly a week. Robins, Blue birds, and Flickers are now

common. Have seen a few Phoebes, one Brown Thrush, also one Bewicks wren and a few specimens of the Water Thrush.

To day saw a Snowbird picking up material for a nest, but am afraid the snow-squall and cold wind which we are getting this evening will put them back in their household operations. You are indebted to some one else for the copy of the "Highlander" you speak of, as I haven't sent any to you

Truly Yours
C. L. Boynton

C. L. Boynton
apr. 15 - 1886

Highlands N.C. April 15
1886

Mr Brewster
Dear Sir:—
Yours of the 5th received. I have not had an opportunity to prepare the birds for the experiment you spoke of untill to day.
I will send by this mail a box containing two specimens prepared as you wished.
I also put in, a skin of the Solitary Vireo, which I happened to have.
I get the the birds you want as soon as I can after I hear from you. I can skin them, or will send them either of the

other ways; just as you think best.

Truly Yours
C. L. Boynton

C. L. Boynton
May 2 - 1886

Highlands, Ala
May 2 - 1886

Mr Bowsler.
Dear Sir:-
Yours of April 25th received. Thanks for the 1 note enclosed. I will try and get the birds as soon as I can.
I may not be able to get them so as to send them all at once but will do the best I can.
I am much afraid that I shall not be able to get that turkey.
I have had quite a number of promises of one but it has failed to put in an appearance as yet. I have heard of several being shot but not untill it was too late to get them.

I have been out hunting them twice but altho' I heard Gobblers both times I was not skillful enough to call them up.

I have lately made the acquaintance of another bird - The Blackburnian Warbler - I think it has been here quite commonly - There are quite a good many already here this Spring - The Black-throated blue warbler has been quite common for nearly a week.

Well write again as soon as I get some birds ready to send

Truly Yours
C. L. Boynton

Highlands N.C. 7/19/86

Mr Brewster,

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 5th inst. received. I knew that I hadn't written you for sometime, but didn't realize how long it had been untill your letter brought it to mind.

I am sorry indeed that I cannot report anything very favorable, so far as collecting is concerned. About the time I expected to get the birds for you, that you wrote about, I had a steady job of carpentering offered me + as I am still at work at it, I have not had a chance to do anything collecting this sea-

son. I have three or four specimens that I had collected before that, which I will send by this mail. The small bird, I cannot make out, will you please identify it for me?

I know it will be a dissapointment to you not to receive more, & I do wish that I could have got what you wanted.

I hope that you may be able to spend the season or at least a few weeks here next Summer then you could collect just what you wanted. & I can assure that you can not find a more pleasant place to spend a few months in, during the Summer.

I found a ~~nest~~ young S. Vireo just from the nest. a few days before receiving your letter, but not thinking of your wanting it I let it go. The plumage so far as I could see was very much like that of the adult; so much so, that it was easily recognized.

On May 5th I found a pair Red-bellied Nuthatches at work on a hole in a dead birch tree in a large Laurel thicket about a mile from town. The hole was some forty feet from the ground & they had got it deep enough to be out of sight when at work. I shot the male, as it was the first time I had ever had an opportunity to positively identify the bird. I have not found the nest of the S. Vireo this season in fact I have done as little collecting of eggs as of birds.

Have taken only a set of Bewicks Wren & one of the Golden-crowned Kinglet. I dont know when

C. L. Boynton

July 19 - 1886

I can collect any thing more for you, but if I get a chance to get any thing will save it for you. What few I send, you are welcome to & I am sorry that I have not more to send.

Very Truly Yours
C. L. Boynton

Wed. 21 -

I have neglected to pack my box untill to night. I find that the small bird, unknown, that I speak of, has been mislaid somewhere & I cannot find it - I send the Yellow-bellied Woodpecker because of its peculiar plumage I never saw one as yellow before.

C. L. Boynton

March 21 - 1887

Highlands N. C. Mar. 2/87

Mr. Brewster.-

Dear Sir,

It has been a long time since I have heard from you & I hardly know where to address you now, but guess I will direct to Cambridge & run the risk of its finding you. I heard incidentally awhile ago that you think of visiting Highlands this Spring. I trust this may be so & if I can be of any use to you while here I shall be glad of the chance to accompany you on some of your collecting trips, provided I can arrange my work so that it will be possible. You perhaps know better than

? when would be the best time for your visit here, but I should say if you want to get the benefit of the whole season you should be here by the last week of April or the first of May. Of course if your stay is to be short, it would be better to come later - say the middle of May.

Our hardware dealer keeps a supply of dust shot now, so it would not be necessary for you to burden yourself with it unless you care to. Feb. with us was very mild & some of the earlier migrants began to arrive making me think we were going to have an early season, but it has been cooler for a week or so past & I hardly know what to look for now. I have done no collecting to speak of this winter. I intend to do more this season than I did last if possible, but I dont know

whether circumstances will permit the carrying out of my intentions or not—

Do you know of anything in the way of a text book on ornithology for beginners? If so where could I get it? What I mean is something that commences at the bottom, giving structure of the bird, classification, division into orders etc & reasons for it—

I have never seen anything of the kind & if there is such a work, would like very much to get it—

What ought eggs of the Carolina Junco to be worth? I have a set or two which I wish to exchange with a friend for other eggs & I hardly know what to value them at— What should you say?

As I have never seen or heard of more than one or two, before, since I have been here.

Hoping that this may reach you & that I may hear from you soon I am—

Very truly yours
C. L. Boynton

I believe I have failed to acknowledge your last letter written sometime last July, I recd, it all right, accept my thanks for each enclosed—

I have forgotten your Et. M. but possibly you may not be in the same place now any way.

There was a Golden Eagle captured here not long ago - about the first of Feb. It was caught in a steel trap which was set for a dog beside a dead sheep. It was a female & measured 85 in. in extent by 37 in length.

It was purchased by the "Scientific Society" of this place (a new organization for the study of Natural History) & I attempted to mount it for them.

Can't say that I made a very decided success of it though. The skin is all right, so perhaps they can have it relaxed & mounted in better shape sometime if they care to.

I saw this morning about a dozen of what I should think were Purple Finches. It being Sunday, of course I couldnt get a specimen which I very much regretted. There has been quite a good many Woodcock here for a month past. an unusual occurrence for this place.